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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

**Fargo, N.D. October 10, 2019** - Based on October 1 conditions, North Dakota's 2019 **corn** production is forecast at 483 million bushels, up 8 percent from last year's production, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Area to be harvested for grain, at 3.31 million acres, is up 13 percent from a year ago. Yield is forecast at 146 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from last year.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 194 million bushels, down 19 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 5.55 million acres, is 19 percent below 2018. Yield is forecast at 35 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year.

**Dry edible bean** production is forecast at 9.96 million cwt, down 8 percent from 2018. Area for harvest, at 600,000 acres, is down 2 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 1,660 pounds per acre, is down 100 pounds per acre from last year.

**Sugarbeet** production is forecast at 5.89 million tons, up 3 percent from 2018. Area for harvest, at 208,000 acres, is up 5 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 28.3 tons per acre, down 0.5 ton per acre from a year ago.

**All sunflower** production is forecast at 956 million pounds, up 29 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 522,000 acres, is up 102,000 acres from 2018. Yield is forecast at 1,832 pounds per acre, up 72 pounds per acre from a year ago. Of the acres for harvest, non-oil sunflowers account for 62,000 acres and oil sunflowers account for 460,000 acres.

**Canola** production is forecast at a record 3.21 billion pounds, up 4 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest, at a record 1.69 million acres, is up 7 percent from 2018. Yield is forecast at 1,900 pounds per acre, down 60 pounds per acre from a year ago.

**Alfalfa hay** production, at 2.30 million tons, is down 8 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 1.35 million acres, is down 8 percent from a year ago. Yield of 1.70 tons per acre, is unchanged from 2018. **All other hay** production, at 2.21 million tons, is up 15 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 1.30 million acres, is up 8 percent from a year ago. Yield of 1.70 tons per acre, is up 0.10 ton from 2018.

### Special Note

All forecasts in this report are based on conditions as of October 1, 2019 and assume normal weather for the remainder of the growing season. Data were not adjusted to account for any potential departures from normal between now and harvest.

As is done every year in October, planted and harvested acreage estimates were reviewed for corn, soybeans, sunflowers, canola, sugarbeets, and dry edible beans and updated as needed based on all available data, including the latest certified acreage data for the Farm Service Agency (FSA). All States in the estimating program for these crops were subject to review and updating.

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